

*God is Good All the Time!
Mulungu akhala bwino nthawi zonse!*

So much has happened since our last letter in October! We have been updating the website, but we felt that it was also important to send communication out by mail. We're sorry it has taken us so long to put this letter together, but as you will see, we have had a lot on our plate these past few months. We hope you will take the time to read this letter - to catch up with our family and receive important information on our ministry to Zambia.

Welcome to Our World

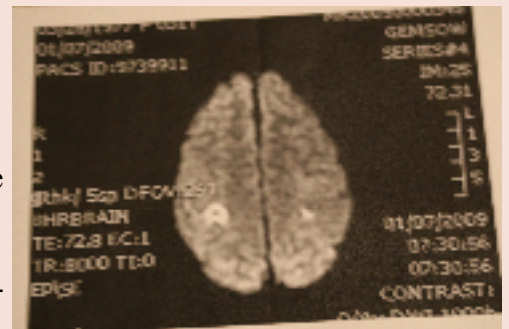


On December 22nd, at 3:01 pm, we welcomed Ellison Elizabeth Roberts (Ellie) into our family. The delivery went very well and Ellie is doing great. Thank you for praying for her. She is a blessing!

A Family Crisis

Two weeks after Ellie was born, we had quite a scare. Kerri began experiencing headaches that lasted for several days. On January 4, after feeling very strange all day, she called the doctor. As they were discussing what she should do, she started having tingling on her whole left side and blurred vision. We quickly rushed her to the emergency room.

While there, she began to sporadically lose function on the left side of her body and her right leg. Her headache also be-



came very severe. After a CT scan and an MRI, it was determined that she had a blood clot on her brain which had created pressure and led to a small amount of bleeding - a stroke! After 5 days in the hospital, many tests and LOTS of prayer, Kerri was released to begin recovery at home. She is doing much better and, other than occasional headaches and fatigue, has little to no symptoms. Praise God! Thank you to all of you who stopped by, brought meals and sent notes of encouragement during this time. Your support was overwhelming to us and we were humbled by God's incredible provision and care.

What Now?

One of our obvious concerns was the cause of the stroke. We didn't want to head back to Zambia before we knew whether or not this could happen again. The doctor performed several tests and determined that Kerri does not have any known blood clotting disorder. The clot was most likely caused by hormones related to the pregnancy - a very rare occurrence. We were very relieved to hear the doctors say that they believe a recurrence is highly unlikely.

The plan for now is to have another MRI on or around April 1st to make sure things are progressing as they should. The neurologist is confident that Kerri will be able to come off of the blood thinners and be cleared for travel. *[over]*

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Recently, we met with the elders of our home church to share the information from the doctor with them, to talk about what is going on in our hearts, and to pray with them as to where we believe the Lord is leading at this point. It was agreed by all in the meeting that God was not done with us in Zambia. So, we have rescheduled our return trip to Zambia for April 15th (tax day).

Between Now and Then

The Lord has been gracious. As our medical bills started to pile up, we began to wonder how this would affect our current funding and potential return to Zambia. At the beginning of February, God provided a part-time job working for my former employer (Blue Cross & Blue Shield), which will allow us to begin to pay off some of these medical bills without having to pass the burden on to our treasured supporters.

The ACTION home office has since agreed and has given their approval for me to work there until our April departure.



The Needs

Of course, our greatest need is for your prayers. We are asking God for healing, for peace, for wisdom and for His glory to be revealed in our lives. We also have a need for one time and monthly support. Specifically, while we are here in the States, we are trying to raise an additional \$600 in monthly support, and one-time donations to offset some of our unexpected expenses.

Would you consider partnering with us financially? All donations are 100% tax deductible.

We Need You

Thank you so much for standing behind us as we seek to bring glory to Christ in Zambia. These past few months have confirmed to us just how hard ministry would be if we weren't supported by such a great group of people who love us and hold us up before the Father in prayer. God bless you for being such a blessing to us.

Web Updates:

Did you realize that since we arrived in February 2008, we have posted 167 updates on our website detailing our life and ministry in Zambia?

While these newsletters do serve a purpose in keeping you posted, our website is the best way for you to stay informed. In fact, you can join our website's e-mail distribution and get regular updates whenever we post them. Just go to:

www.RobertsInZambia.Blogspot.Com



Praise and Prayer:

- Praise God for Ellie's safe delivery.
- Praise God that He let us to come home to the US during this time. Praise God for protecting Kerri and sustaining her life!
- Pray for Kerri's health.
- Pray for Ellie. We recently found out that she is lactose intolerant and will require special formula.
- Pray for God to provide financial partners to cover the remaining \$600 of needed monthly support.
- Pray for our marriage.
- Pray for us as parents and homeschoolers.
- Pray for our children, that they would know Christ and learn to love Him with all that they are.

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